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**GILFORD MAN CONVICTED OF FEDERAL
“CRACK” COCAINE DISTRIBUTION CHARGES**

Re: United States v. Raymond Fredericksen

CONCORD, NEW HAMPSHIRE: United States Attorney Tom Colantuono, N.H. Attorney General Peter Heed, and N.H. Drug Task Force Commander James Norris announced that **Raymond FREDERICKSEN**, date of birth 9/1/79, of Gilford, NH, was convicted on October 6, 2003 on crack cocaine distribution charges.

According to the affidavit accompanying a federal criminal complaint issued by U.S. Magistrate Judge James Muirhead, the N.H. Drug Task Force executed a search warrant at FREDERICKSEN's 51 Sand Hill Rd. residence in Gilford on January 10, 2003, and recovered over 50 grams of cocaine base, aka “crack” cocaine.

FREDERICKSEN entered a guilty plea before U.S. District Judge Paul J. Barbadoro to an information charging him with possession with intent to distribute over 50 grams of “crack” cocaine. Judge Barbadoro detained FREDERICKSEN without bail pending his sentencing hearing scheduled for January 5, 2004. He faces a potential maximum sentence of life imprisonment, and a minimum sentence of 10 years imprisonment..

U.S. Attorney Colantuono stated, “My office is committed not only to aggressively prosecuting drug traffickers operating in Manchester and New Hampshire's other larger cities, but also those importing illegal drugs into smaller communities like those in the Lakes Region. Attorney General Heed's Drug Task Force conducted a thorough and aggressive investigation in this case, and these convictions stand as a prime example of the effectiveness of cooperative efforts between federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies in combating the disastrous impact of crack cocaine on our communities and their residents.”

The conviction resulted from an investigation by the N.H. Drug Task Force's “North Team” operating out of Twin Mountain, New Hampshire. The prosecution is being handled by Assistant United States Attorney Joseph N. Laplante, the Lead Attorney for the District of New Hampshire in the New England Organized Crime Drug Enforcement Task Force (“New England OCDEF”).